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SUBJ: EC HOPS CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
REF: (A) EC A-172; (B) 77 EC A-272; (C) 77 EC A-338

1. SUMMARY: THE COMMISSION HAS NOTIFIED US THAT,
BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1978, IMPORTED HOPS MUST MEET CERTAIN
MINIMUM QUALITY REQUIREMENTS. THEY ADVISE US THAT BEFORE
THAT DATE U.S. SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO CERTIFY THAT OUR HOPS
EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS. REQUEST
INFORMATION ASAP AS TO WHETHER THE COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS
OR ATTESTATION PROCEDURES WILL PRESENT PROBLEMS FOR THE
U.S. END SUMMARY.

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2. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE COMMISSION SIGNED
BY RABOT, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE, ADVISING US
THAT IMPORTED HOPS MARKETED IN THE COMMUNITY AFTER
AUGUST 1, 1978 MUST MEET CERTAIN MINIMUM QUALITY REQUIRE-
MENTS. ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER ARE A SAMPLE LETTER,
WHICH WOULD COMMIT "THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES" OF THE
U.S. TO GUARANTEEING THE OBSERVANCE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS,

AND AN EXPLANATORY NOTE. THE COMMISSION INDICATES THAT SUCH A LETTER SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1978; OTHERWISE, U.S. HOPS ENTERING THE EC WILL BE HELD UP BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS PENDING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THEY MEET EC MINIMUM QUALITY STANDARDS. COPIES OF THE COMMISSION'S LETTER WITH ATTACHMENTS ARE BEING SENT TO SABATINI, FAS/USDA AND CASEY, EUR/RPE.

3. THE SAMPLE LETTER STATES THAT THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY AGREE THAT EXPORTS OF HOPS AND HOPS PRODUCTS TO THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCUMENT ATTESTING THAT THESE PRODUCTS MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE EC. THESE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, WHICH CONCERN HUMIDITY, THE PROPORTION OF LEAVES AND STALKS IN THE PRODUCT, ETC., WERE LAID DOWN IN COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 890/78 (REF A). WITH RESPECT TO HOP CONES, EC RULES REQUIRE THAT EACH LOT CONTAIN ONLY HOPS FROM THE SAME PRODUCTION AREA AND OF THE SAME HARVEST YEAR AND THE SAME VARIETY. WITH REGARD TO PROCESSED HOP PRODUCTS (POWDER AND EXTRACT), THE PRODUCTS MUST BE MADE ONLY FROM HOPS PRODUCED WITHIN THE EXPORTING COUNTRY AND OF THE SAME HARVEST YEAR.

4. THE ATTESTATION WHICH IS TO ACCOMPANY THE EXPORT MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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(A) PRODUCT DESIGNATION -- I.E., PREPARED OR UNPREPARED HOPS, POWDER OR EXTRACT, IF THE POWDER OR EXTRACT IS MADE FROM DIFFERENT HOP VARIETIES OR HOPS FROM DIFFERENT PRODUCTION AREAS, THE ATTESTATION MUST SPECIFY "MIXTURE."

(B) WEIGHT AND TYPE OF PACKAGE.

(C) REFERENCE NUMBER OF THE ATTESTATION.

(D) VARIETY.

(E) PRODUCTION AREA.

(F) HARVEST YEAR.

(G) THE ESTABLISHMENT AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE ATTESTATION.

IN THE CASE OF POWDERS AND EXTRACTS, THE ATTESTATION MUST ALSO SPECIFY:

(H) IN THE CASE OF MIXTURES, THE PERCENTAGE OF EACH VARIETY USED AND ITS PRODUCTION AREA.

(I) THE PLACE OF MANUFACTURE.

(J) THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE.

THE EXPORTED PRODUCT MUST ALSO BE LABELLED WITH THE PRODUCT DESIGNATION, THE HOP VARIETY(IES), AND THE REFERENCE NUMBER OF THE ATTESTATION.

5. PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALITY CERTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR BOTH DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED HOPS IS FOUND IN ARTICLE 2 OF BASIC EC REGULATION ESTABLISHING THE HOPS CAP - COUNCIL REGULATION NO. 1696/71, AS AMENDED BY REGULATION 1170/77 (REF B). COMMISSION REGULATION NO. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1784/77 (REF C) LAID DOWN GENERAL RULES FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF HOPS, BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE END OF APRIL THAT DETAILED RULES PERMITTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM WERE ESTABLISHED BY COMMISSION REGULATION 890/78 (REF A).

6. THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HOPS HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TOLD US THAT U.S. QUALITY STANDARDS FOR HOPS ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE OF THE COMMUNITY. THEREFORE, HE FELT THE COMMUNITY REGULATION SHOULD POSE NO REAL PROBLEMS FOR U.S. HOPS PRODUCERS. THE OFFICIAL ALSO TOLD US THAT HE FELT THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE WILLING TO RECOGNIZE THE U.S. HOP ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AS COMPETENT TO GRANT ATTESTATIONS. THE OFFICIAL MENTIONED THE FOLLOWING POINTS AS POSSIBLY ENTAILING FURTHER DISLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CUSSIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EC:

(A) DESIGNATION OF PRODUCTION AREAS WITHIN THE U.S.

(B) ATTESTATIONS FOR HOP PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1978. EC RULES PROVIDE FOR A DEROGATION FROM THE QUALITY REQUIREMENTS UNTIL MARCH 31, 1979 FOR HOP POWDER AND EXTRACT MANUFACTURED BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1978. THE OFFICIAL THOUGHT WE WOULD NEED TO DISCUSS HOW ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS DEROGATION COULD BE PROVEN.

(C) THE CERTIFICATION OF EXTRACTS AND POWDERS BASED ON MIXTURES OF HOPS -- I.E., HOW THE U.S. WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH EC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN THIS AREA.

THE OFFICIAL THOUGHT THAT THE EC WOULD PROBABLY ROUTINELY ACCEPT ATTESTATION IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AUGUST 1, 1978. HOWEVER, EC REGULATION NO. 1696/71 (REF B) PROVIDES FOR VERIFICATION OF THE EQUIVALENCE OF THIRD COUNTRY ATTESTATIONS BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1978. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, SUCH VERIFICATION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HOPS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. HE DID NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEM WITH REGARD TO EC VERIFICATION OF U.S. ATTESTATIONS.

7. U.S. EXPORTS OF HOPS AND HOP PRODUCTS TO THE EC WERE VALUED AT ABOUT \$4 MILLION IN FY 1977.

8. REQUEST FOR ACTION: MISSION REQUESTS THAT WASHINGTON, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE U.S. HOPS INDUSTRY, ADVISE US ASAP AS TO WHETHER EC QUALITY REQUIREMENTS OR THE ATTESTATION PROCEDURE SUGGESTED BY THE COMMISSION POSE

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